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displaying a first transaction entry from the financial statement comprising a received payee identifier name and an associated transaction amount;

receiving a user command replacing the received payee identifier name with a user-preferred payee nickname;

creating a data structure including a record associating the received payee identifier name with the corresponding user-preferred payee nickname;

automatically replacing the received payee identifier name-with the userpreferred payee nickname for each occurrence of the received payee identifier name-in the financial statement;

receiving a subsequent electronic financial statement comprising one or more transaction entries including the received payee identifiername; and

automatically checking the data structure for the record associating the received payee identifier name-with the corresponding user-preferred payee nickname, retrieving the corresponding user-preferred payee nickname, and replacing the received payee identifier name with the corresponding userpreferred payee nickname in each occurrence of the received payee name identifier in the subsequent financial statement.

(Amended) A method for automatically renaming names of payees, 47. wherein the names are received from the electronic transfer of financial data into a personal financial management program, comprising the steps of:

storing in a data structure user-supplied payee nicknamespreferred names that are each associated with a lookup name;

receiving a financial statement comprising one or more transaction entries, each transaction entry comprising a received identifier name of a transaction entry payee and a transaction amount:

for each transaction entry, using the received identifier name of the transaction entry payee as the lookup name to determine whether the lookup name has an associated

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user-supplied payee nickname-preferred name-in the data structure, and if so, substituting the user-supplied payee nickname preferred name of the transaction entry payee for the received identifier name of the transaction entry payee.